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RESPONSE

Honorable Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

The following amendment to claim 2 and the following remarks are submitted pursuant to 37 CFR 1.111 in response to the Office Action of November 29, 2001.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please further amend claim 2 as follows:

2. (Six Times Amended) A packing, comprising:

a plurality of internally reinforced braiding yarns,

each of said internally reinforced braiding yarns including a plurality of

longitudinally arranged, spaced parallel reinforcing fiber yarns each having a surface which surface includes an adhesive said internally reinforced braiding yarns being held together by expanded graphite integrally bonded to and surrounding said reinforcing fiber yarns with said adhesive, and

said plurality of said internally reinforced braiding yarns being braided together to produce a packing string.